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Applicant : Arianto Darmawan
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application and in response to the Advisory Action of August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claim 6 and add new claim 12 as follows:

6. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for conducting liquid separation utilizing an ion exchange process, the apparatus comprising:

a liquid separation column, the column comprising a partition within the column dividing the column, into first and second vertical compartments, the vertical compartments being